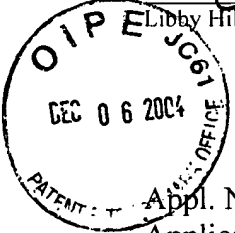


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for a three month extension of time, extending the period for response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004 in the above-identified application to December 2, 2004. Applicants have enclosed a check that includes \$980.00 for the fee for the above-requested extension of time.

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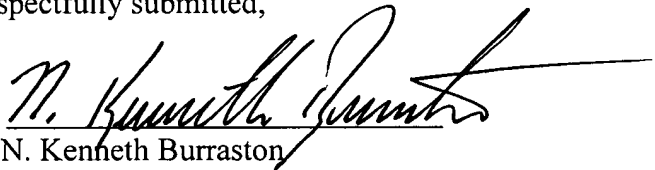
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